IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Stewart Frederick Bryant, et al. Serial No.: 10/685,621 Filed on: October 14, 2003 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING ROUTING INFORMATION IN A DATA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK	Group Art Unit No.: 2416 Examiner: Brenda H. Pham Confirmation No.: 5094

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2008, the shortened statutory period for which runs until February 18, 2008, please reconsider the subject application in light of the remarks.

I. ISSUES RELATING TO ALLEGED PRIOR ART

A. CLAIMS – 35 U.S.C. 102(e): MILES

Claims 1 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Miles et al. U.S. 2007/0038767, hereafter "Miles." (Office Action, page 2) The rejection is respectfully traversed.

CLAIM 1

Claim 1 recites: